

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Momma et al.

Examiner: Gerard T. Higgins

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This letter is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated 27 April 2011 and is being submitted on Monday 29 August 2011, with 27 August 2011 being the immediately previous Saturday. Thus, this response is believed to be properly filed with a request for one month extension of time. However, in the event that any further extension are necessary a provision request is hereby made for the same. The commissioner is authorized to change any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 15-0450. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 5.